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# HOUSE COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY

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**H 7935 HAS BEEN POSTPONED AT THE SPONSOR'S REQUEST**

## NOTICE OF MEETING

**DATE:** Thursday, March 24, 2022

**TIME:** Rise of the House

**PLACE:** House Lounge - State House

## SCHEDULED FOR HEARING AND/OR CONSIDERATION

**House Bill No. [7409](#)**

**BY** McEntee, Carson, Craven, Caldwell, Edwards, Casimiro, Messier, Fogarty, Cortvriend, Ruggiero

**ENTITLED,** AN ACT RELATING TO COURTS AND CIVIL PROCEDURE -- PROCEDURE GENERALLY -- CAUSE OF ACTION {LC3777/1} (Removes the statute of limitations for actions based on sexual abuse or exploitation of a child and would make eligible previously time barred actions.)

02/09/2022 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

03/18/2022 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

**House Bill No. [7567](#)**

**BY** O'Brien, Hull, Slater

**ENTITLED,** AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- COMPUTER CRIME {LC4712/1} (Allows for a civil action against parents of a student who demonstrate willful or wanton disregard for the duty to supervise their child who has committed the offense of cyberstalking or cyberharassment.)

02/18/2022 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

03/18/2022 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

**House Bill No. [7687](#)**

**BY** Williams, Giraldo, Felix, Batista, Hull

**ENTITLED,** AN ACT RELATING TO COURTS AND CIVIL PROCEDURE--COURTS--COURT ADMINISTRATION--SELECTION POOL FOR COURT APPOINTED RECEIVERS {LC4010/1} (Requires that the selection pool for court appointed receivers be composed of at least fifteen percent (15%) of receivers who are persons of color and that at least fifteen percent (15%) of all court appointed receivers be persons of color.)

03/02/2022 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

03/18/2022 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

**House Bill No. [7706](#)**

**BY Williams, Cassar, Hull, Henries, Abney, Biah, Felix, Diaz, Ajello, Vella-Wilkinson**  
**ENTITLED,** AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- THE CIVIL RIGHTS ACT OF 1990 -- THE CROWN ACT {LC5225/1} (Defines the terms "race and ethnicity" to include ancestry, color, ethnic group identification, and ethnic background and inclusive of traits historically associated with race, including, but not limited to, hair texture and protective hairstyles.)  
03/02/2022 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary  
03/18/2022 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

**House Bill No. [7707](#)**

**BY Williams, Vella-Wilkinson, Giraldo, Morales, Felix**  
**ENTITLED,** AN ACT RELATING TO HUMAN SERVICES -- ABUSED AND NEGLECTED CHILDREN {LC3996/1} (Requires the department of children, youth and families (DCYF) and the family court to initially consider the placement of a child under their care with the child's immediate family members or next of kin before placement in foster care.)  
03/02/2022 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary  
03/18/2022 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

**House Bill No. [7708](#)**

**BY Williams, Ajello, Giraldo, Biah, Morales, Felix, Alzate, Tanzi, Batista, Hull**  
**ENTITLED,** AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- OPERATORS' LICENSE -- SAFE ROADS AND MANDATORY INSURANCE {LC3753/1} (Requires an applicant for a license to provide a valid social security number. This act creates an alternative ID driving license for applicants without a social security number who are able to establish proof of Rhode Island residency.)  
03/02/2022 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary  
03/18/2022 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

**House Bill No. [7710](#)**

**BY Williams, Giraldo, Perez, Vella-Wilkinson, Batista, Morales, Hull, Shallcross Smith, Slater**  
**ENTITLED,** AN ACT RELATING TO DOMESTIC RELATIONS -- ADOPTION OF CHILDREN {LC3984/1} (Permits a petition for adoption, and if necessary, termination of parental rights, to be filed by a grandparent(s) without the noncustodial parent(s)' consent, when the child is in the sole custody of the grandparent(s).)  
03/02/2022 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary  
03/18/2022 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

**House Bill No. [7932](#)**

**BY Baginski**  
**ENTITLED,** AN ACT RELATING TO COURTS AND CIVIL PROCEDURE -- PROCEDURE GENERALLY -- LITIGATION LENDING AGREEMENTS {LC5435/1} (Makes litigation loan agreements subject to state usury laws.)  
03/07/2022 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary  
03/18/2022 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

**House Bill No. [7933](#)**

**BY Baginski**

**ENTITLED,** AN ACT RELATING TO COURTS AND CIVIL PROCEDURE - PROCEDURE IN PARTICULAR ACTIONS - DEATH BY WRONGFUL ACT {LC5434/1} (Raises minimum wrongful death recovery to \$365,000 adjusted annually for inflation.)

03/07/2022 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

03/18/2022 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

**House Bill No. [7934](#)**

**BY Baginski**

**ENTITLED,** AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS -- WORKERS' COMPENSATION -- PROCEDURE {LC5437/1} (For purposes of liability of third persons for damages relating to claims for workers compensation, provides that reimbursement not be provided for certain damages, and reduces any award by any percentage of the employees comparative negligence.)

03/07/2022 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

03/18/2022 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

**~~House Bill No. [7935](#)~~**

~~(Dept. of Health)~~

**~~BY Fellela~~**

~~**ENTITLED,** AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- BOARD OF MEDICAL LICENSURE AND DISCIPLINE {LC5282/1} (Provides that any day(s) when the department of health is closed be excluded from the maximum number of days within which a hearing must be held by the board when a physician or limited registrant's license is suspended without hearing.)~~

~~03/07/2022 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary~~

~~03/18/2022 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration~~

**House Bill No. [7936](#)**

(Dept. of Revenue)

**BY Knight**

**ENTITLED,** AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION - STATE TAX OFFICIALS {LC5237/1} (Effective January 1, 2023, creates Superior Court jurisdiction over all appeals of tax administrators concerning assessment, deficiency, refund claim, license or permit. It creates an exemption for the taxpayer from prepayment as a condition precedent.)

03/07/2022 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

03/18/2022 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

**House Bill No. [7939](#)**

**BY Alzate, Giraldo, Barros**

**ENTITLED,** AN ACT RELATING TO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES -- REGULATION OF SALES -- STATE IDENTIFICATION CARDS {LC5422/1} (Allows the division of motor vehicles to issue a state identification card to residents unable to establish lawful presence in the United States upon proof of residence in this state and a tax identification number.)

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## **PROCEDURAL INFORMATION:**

The meeting will be televised on Capitol Television, which can be seen on Cox Channels 15, and 61, in high definition on Cox Channel 1061, on Full Channel on Channel 15 and on Channel 34 by Verizon subscribers.

It will also be live streamed at

<https://www.rilegislature.gov/CapTV/Pages/default.aspx>.

## **WRITTEN TESTIMONY**

Written testimony is strongly encouraged and may be submitted via

**HouseJudiciary@rilegislature.gov**

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In your message, include your name, bill number and viewpoint (for/against/neither). This inbox is for written testimony only.

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## **IN PERSON TESTIMONY**

Individuals may testify in person before the committee at the State House. Sign-up sheets are available in/outside the hearing room.

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